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LETTER DATED 16 DECEMBER 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am writing to you concerning the active involvement of the regular army of Croatia in Bosnia and Herzegovina and, upon instructions of my Government, I have the honour to state the following.

At the press conference at the United Nations, the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Croatia, Mr. Granic, as well as the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations, confirmed that the Croatian forces have been deployed to the border region between Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina and had taken military activity in that area. They justified the presence of the Croatian army by the agreement between Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina and the relevant request from Mr. Izetbegovic.

Around 3,000 servicemen of Croatia's regular army and 60 tanks are engaged in the military operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The presence of the Croatian regular army has also been confirmed by the UNPROFOR military observers.

In doing so, the authorities of the Republic of Croatia acted in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the Security Council resolutions 752, 757 and 787 which call upon the Croatian army to withdraw from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In order to justify the engagement of the armed forces of the Republic of Croatia in the civil war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, false and tendentious allegations are put forward by the Croatian high officials that the "troops from Serbia" also take part in the fighting. Needless to say, these allegations are utterly untrue as has been confirmed by all relevant reports of UNPROFOR, humanitarian mission of the International Conference on the former Yugoslavia and the statements of the United Nations official representatives. The underlying cause for maliciously implicating the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina, is to discredit its peaceful and constructive policy which is increasingly being acknowledged by the major international factors.



Should the Security Council fail to explicitly condemn the violation of its resolutions and the involvement of the Croatian army in the civil war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia wishes to point out that such acts can be expected from other countries, which would have unforeseeable consequences for the region of the Balkans and the European security at large.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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